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Senator Ron Wyden
United State Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Representative Erik Paulsen
United States House of Representatives
127 Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Johnny Isakson
United State Senate
131 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative Peter Welch
United States House of Representatives
2303 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senators Wyden and Isakson and Representatives Paulsen and Welch:

On behalf of Mayo Clinic and our almost 60,000 employees, I want to commend your efforts in introducing *The Medicare Better Care Act* with the goal of improving outcomes and accountability within the Medicare program for beneficiaries with chronic care conditions.

We are very supportive of the Chronic Care Innovation Center created under the proposal that would strive to develop best practices, apply improved methodologies, and create and sustain research in the field of chronic care.

Americans expect and deserve the best in healthcare. Knowledge and innovation are vital components of a patient-centered, high-value health care system. At Mayo Clinic, we strive to use innovations, scientific design and creative thinking to make the delivery of care more efficient while minimizing intervention and risk for the patient. I am encouraged and grateful that your proposed legislation strives to accomplish the same goal.

I look forward to working with you and your staff as this legislation moves forward to find ways for quality health care institutions, including Mayo Clinic, to participate in the BCP program, addressing population criteria, current Medicare regulatory requirements, HIT obstacles, and cost sharing requirements under the legislation.

Thank you for your leadership in this critically important aspect of health care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Noseworthy".

John H. Noseworthy, M.D.
President and CEO